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I expect the settlement already agreed upon, will be adequate to make the point with MS, without further damaging the company and consequently the industry, which is so important to the recovery of our country's economic health. There is a direct correlation between the initiation of the Attorneys General (in not even the majority of the US) suit and the commencement of the sharp decline of the Stock Markets. And that includes the negative impacts on many more companies than just MS. Hence, the Recession...in a global scope. For MS is Global.

I agree, if it were just MS that was impacted, I might see a slight merit in their claims. But in truth, MS has been the catalyst for tremendous growth in Productivity throughout the US and in many other parts of the world.

I, for one appreciate the ubiquity of the Windows capabilities and adaptabilities. So many use this as the standard for communication between clients and customers, as well as internally. The MS software automatically contained in the Operations Systems on most computers allows for ready use and training employees to be productive in having the time to create solutions to problems rather than spend so much time creating tons of paper and doing the many manipulations on incompatible software were it not for the "magic" of the MS-based software availability.

MS software is there, imbedded, but one doesn't have to use it if there is another OS that is determined to be more fitting to provide the necessary outputs/calculations. Linus, for example. MS is not preventing one from selecting other software for software OS optimization.

Then there's the fantastic waste of our tax dollars being expended by both sides to litigate this case. That is counter-productive. Only ones rewarded with this litigation are the Lawyers.

Let's settle this equitably and now!
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